



Legislation

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Colin Smith

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Monday, February 7, 2022

1:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

The County Board will meet pursuant to Chapter 417 of New York State Laws of 2021, allowing public bodies to meet and take action without permitting in-person public access to meetings and authorizes such meetings and public hearings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided the public has the ability to view or listen and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed. To access the meeting, please visit: <https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com>

With a quorum present, Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislator Erika Pierce, Legislator James Nolan, Legislator Jewel Williams-Johnson, Melanie Montalto, Anand Singh; County Executive's Office: Catherine Cioffi

MINUTES APPROVAL

January 31, 2022 at 1:00 PM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Maher, seconded by Legislator Barr, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

[RES-2022-10](#) [RESO - 2022 Joint State Legislative Package](#)

A RESOLUTION forwarding the Westchester County 2022 Joint State Legislative Package to the County's State Delegation for consideration during the current legislative session.

Submitted by COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

On motion of Legislator Maher, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee to the Board of Legislators committee, due back on 2/7/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Borgia, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher and Legislator Shimsky

[RES-2022-11](#) [RESO-Clean Slate Act](#)

A RESOLUTION in support of the Clean Slate Act in relation to the automatic sealing of certain convictions in New York State.

Submitted by COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

Chair Smith spoke about the resolution and discussed several changes that needed to be made, with the Committee debating the distinction and possible legislative intent behind the language used. Legislator Cunzio raised a concern about the evaluation of cases, with Chair Smith speaking on the exemptions and caveats in the proposed state legislation. Legislator Johnson elaborated on this and spoke about the importance of this legislation with Legislators Maher and Borgia concurring and speaking about the numerous benefits this legislation would bring. Legislator Nolan raised a number of concerns and spoke as to why his own personal experiences would not allow him to support the legislation. Legislator Borgia addressed the concerns of Legislator Nolan and said that the intent is allowing people who have served their time to reintegrate and reduce the risk of recidivism. Legislator Johnson also clarified that the records would still be available to the criminal justice system, with Legislator Williams-Johnson and Pierce pointing out that this wasn't an expungement, and if someone was rearrested all of that information would be available to the courts. Legislator Barr concurred with the previous sentiments but pointed out that they run into these issues sometimes when writing resolutions of support. Legislator Nolan asked if the Department of Public Safety would be able to be brought in for this, to which Chair Smith stated that for the purposes of this resolution it wasn't necessary. Legislator Johnson pointed out additional language that needed to be amended and the revisions were made.

On motion of Legislator Johnson, seconded by Legislator Maher, the above item was signed by committee to the Board of Legislators committee, due back on 2/7/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Borgia, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher and Legislator Shimsky

WO Prejudice: Legislator Cunzio

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Maher, seconded by Legislator Barr, the Committee adjourned at 2:20 PM.